



# SJR 32 Subcommittee on Medical Liability Insurance Interim Committee

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## AGENDA

**SJR 32 SUBCOMMITTEE ON MEDICAL LIABILITY INSURANCE**  
**Thursday, March 25, 2004 8 a.m. Room 137, State Capitol**

Time

Approximate

- 8 a.m. I. **Call meeting to order, roll call; Chairman's comments:** Rep. George Golie, Chairman, will call the meeting to order, outline the day's activities and processes, and describe the product(s) that he envisions as a result of the day's activities.
- 8:05 II. **Approve minutes from January 15, 2004 meeting**
- 8:08 III. **The Wisconsin Health Care Liability and Injured Patients and Families Compensation Act:** Dave Bohyer, LSD Research Director. In 1975, during the first medical liability crisis, Wisconsin lawmakers enacted legislation establishing a program by which a quasi-public entity administers a supplemental or excess liability insurance program for Wisconsin's medical practitioners and facilities. Additional details about the Wisconsin program will be presented.
- 8:45 IV. **Results of the survey of the Subcommittee members re "list of options":** Dave Bohyer At the January 15, 2004 meeting of the SJR 32 Subcommittee on Medical Liability Insurance, Senator John Cobb initiated a list of options which the Subcommittee agreed to review and prioritize for this meeting. Staff combined Sen. Cobb's list (25 options) with other options (26) identified for the Subcommittee at the November 17, 2003, meeting in Billings, and provided a copy of all 51 options to each member. The members were requested to prioritize the list and to return their respective, completed list to staff. The results of this exercise are presented here.
- 9:15 V. **Responses from stakeholders in medical malpractice liability insurance re the results of the survey on the "list of options":** Stakeholders or their representatives will be invited to provide their individual comments on the results of the survey. Witnesses testifying should be prepared to support any recommendation for including or eliminating an option for further examination and to present "solutions" for respective options.

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- 10:30    VI. **Subcommittee work session/discussion of the "list of options":** Rep. Golie and members

The Subcommittee will use the survey results (of the list of options addressed above) as a decision tool to focus its interest on the options that the members consider to have the highest priority for addressing the related issues of skyrocketing medical liability insurance premiums and declining availability of medical liability insurance.

**12 Noon    BREAK FOR LUNCH**

- 1:15    VII. **Subcommittee work session/discussion of the "list of options":** Rep. Golie and members (continued)

- 4:00    VIII. **Other Stakeholders in Medical Malpractice Liability Insurance**

Anyone wishing to present relevant information to the Subcommittee is invited to comment at this time.

- Dr. John Bieghle, DPM, Missoula
- others

- 4:30    IX. **Committee administration**

- Member issues
- Instructions to staff
- Other matters

- 5:00    X. **Adjourn**

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